COUNTY DEPARTMENT AGENDA REQUEST

Department:	Administration	Presenter(s):	County Administrator Jack Krakeel
Meeting Date:	Wednesday, March 2, 2011	Type of Request:	Administrator's Report

Wording for the Agenda:

New Hope Baptist Church has contacted the County concerning a site across S.R. 74 South, formerly known as Starr's Mill Baptist Church, but used in recent years as a part of the New Hope South Campus.

Background/History/Details:

Historically, New Hope Baptist Church has utilized approximately eight acres of land located just east of Highway 74 at the intersection of Highway 85. This land is adjacent to the County's property located at Starr's Mill.

Due to the reconstruction of Highway 74, the church decided to move all of its ministries to the west side of Highway 74, where their main sanctuary is located, with no apparent plans for further ministry to occur on the eight acres of land east of Highway 74.

The church is interested in learning if the County has any interest in adding its eight acres to its current 17 acres at Starr's Mill.

A representative from the church, Mr. Gene Barber, will come to the Board to discuss this opportunity

What action are you seeking from the Board of Commissioners?

None at this time. Staff seeks direction on how to proceed in this matter.

If this item requires funding, please describe:

Not applicable.

Has this issue come before the Commissioners in the past?	No	If so, when?	
Do you need audio-visual for the presentation?	No	Back-up Material Submitted?	Yes

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Approved by Finance	Not Applicable	Reviewed by Legal	
Approved by Purchasing	Not Applicable	Approved by County Clerk	Yes
Administrator's Approval	Yes		

Staff Notes:

cc: BCpm

GENE BARBER
115 Robinson Court, Suite A
Fayetteville, GA 30214

January 28, 2011

Mr. Jack J. Krakeel, County Administrator
Fayette County Board of Commissioners
140 Stonewall Avenue West
Suite 100
Fayetteville, Georgia 30214

Jack,

On behalf of New Hope Baptist Church, I have attached a GIS map copy from our County tax records showing the relationship of the Church property adjacent to the County's Starr's Mill property.

This tract was originally the Starr's Mill Baptist Church, that joined into ministry with New Hope Baptist Church over a decade ago, leading to growth of the congregation worshipping there such that we were able to build the Multi Purpose Worship Center on the West side of Highway 74, that we refer to as the "South Campus" location for New Hope.

The original property on the East side of Highway 74 continued to serve us well over these years, eventually becoming our "Youth" study center. Upon learning of the re-construction of Highway 74, providing the divided highway that we so surely needed to serve the traffic flow in our community, we had to review how this impacted our facilities. This new design imposed a limited crossing median between our campuses, and as a result, we began construction of a Youth facility on our West campus, to eliminate the hazard to our Youth trying to cross Highway 74 in order to attend our Worship functions at our main facility. This was completed and opened last fall, with our Youth now being relocated there.

The original church property has been a part of the community's history in the Starr's Mill area for many years, as has been the Lake and Mill which we have now retained as part of our future for County recreation facilities.

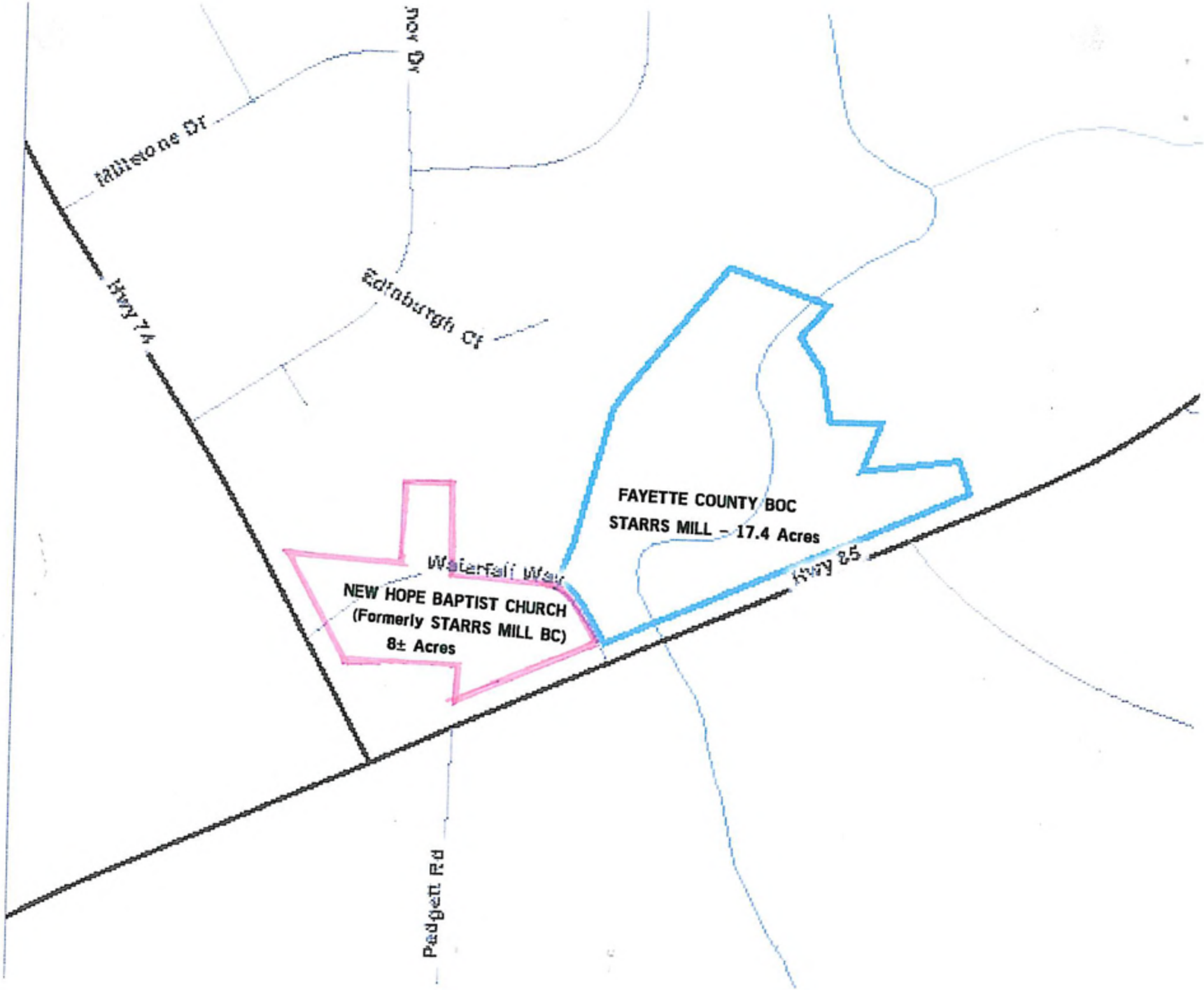
This led me to contact you to see if there were any interest in adding this tract to the existing Starr's Mill property for future development and expansion to the community recreation property and facilities in this area.

I appreciate you giving us this opportunity, and please let me know any additional information we can provide to assist with your consideration.

Sincerely,

Gene Barber

Gene Barber
Phone: (770) 461-4002


Hillstone Dr
Hwy 74
Edinburgh Ct
Waterfall Way
NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH
(Formerly STARRS MILL BC)
8± Acres
FAYETTE COUNTY BOC
STARRS MILL – 17.4 Acres
Hwy 85
Padgett Rd